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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Narcotic drugs" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 27th to 29th, 31st to 33rd, 41st and 43rd meetings, from 3 to 9 and on 16 and 18 November 1992. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/47/SR.27-29, 31-33, 41 and 43).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documentation:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/47/378);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/47/471);

(c) Letter dated 29 January 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/80-S/23502);

(d) Letter dated 30 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/82-S/23512);

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(e) Letter dated 27 April 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, the United States of America and Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/210);

(f) Letter dated 2 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/312-S/24238);

(g) Letter dated 21 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/344);

(h) Letter dated 11 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/375-S/24429);

(i) Letter dated 17 August 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/391);

(j) Letter dated 25 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/564).

4. At the 27th meeting, on 3 November, the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/47/SR.27).

5. At the 33rd meeting, on 9 November, the Director of Treaty Implementation and Legal Affairs, United Nations International Drug Control Programme, made concluding remarks (see A/C.3/47/SR.33).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.28

6. At the 41st meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/47/L.28) entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances". Subsequently, Belize, Guinea-Bissau, India, Myanmar, Nigeria and the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

7. At its 43rd meeting, on 18 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.28 (see para. 24, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.29

8. At the 41st meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Cuba, on behalf of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru and Vanuatu introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/47/L.29) entitled "Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking". Subsequently, Myanmar and the Philippines joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

9. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Cuba orally revised operative paragraph 5 by replacing the words "Narcotic drugs" with the words "International drug control".

10. At its 43rd meeting, on 18 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.29, as orally revised (see para. 24, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.30

11. At the 41st meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Colombia, on behalf of Austria, Bahamas, Bolivia, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Venezuela, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/47/L.30) entitled "Examination of the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances". Subsequently, Egypt, the Philippines, the Russian Federation and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

12. At the 43rd meeting, on 18 November, the representative of Colombia orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 1 (a), after the word "implementation", the words "by Member States" were inserted;

(b) In operative paragraph 1 (c), after the words "universal ratification of" the word "and" was replaced by the word "or".

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.30, as orally revised (see para. 24, draft resolution III).

D. Draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.31

14. At the 41st meeting, on 16 November, the representative of the United States of America, on behalf of Australia, the Bahamas, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Iceland, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/47/L.31) entitled "Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances: action by agencies of the United Nations system". Subsequently, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau, Italy, Myanmar and Samoa joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

15. At its 43rd meeting, on 18 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.31 (see para. 24, draft resolution IV).

16. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba made a statement before the adoption of the draft resolution (see A/C.3/47/SR.41).

E. Draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.32

17. At the 41st meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Mexico, on behalf of the Bahamas, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Vanuatu and Venezuela, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/47/L.32) entitled "United Nations International Drug Control Programme". Subsequently, Australia, Belize, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Nigeria, Nicaragua, Norway, the Russian Federation, Samoa and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

18. At its 43rd meeting, on 18 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.32 (see para. 24, draft resolution V).

19. At the same meeting, the representative of Chad made a statement before the adoption of the draft resolution (see A/C.3/47/SR.43).

F. Draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.33

20. At the 41st meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Bolivia, on behalf of Austria, Azerbaijan, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, the

Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Vanuatu and Venezuela, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/47/L.33) entitled "International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking". Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Nigeria, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Uganda and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

21. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Bolivia made the following oral revision: in the second line of the first preambular paragraph, after the word "substances", it should read "continue to threaten seriously".

22. At the 43rd meeting, on 18 November, the representative of Bolivia orally revised the draft resolution by adding, at the end of the fifth preambular paragraph, the words "particularly those that are vulnerable to illicit transit traffic on account, inter alia, of their geographical location;".

23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.33, as orally revised (see para. 24, draft resolution VI).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

24. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/146 of 18 December 1990 and other relevant resolutions,

Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 1/ for improving international cooperation in that field and further strengthening the existing international instruments for the control of narcotic drugs and

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1/ E/CONF.82/15 and Corr.2.

psychotropic substances, namely, the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, 2/ and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, 3/ and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, 4/

Reaffirming also the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action 5/ adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, held from 20 to 23 February 1990,

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 entered into force on 11 November 1990 and that, so far, 63 States have ratified or adhered to that Convention,

Commending the work done by the Secretariat to disseminate the text of the Convention in the official languages of the United Nations, thereby helping to make its provisions more widely known,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 6/ submitted pursuant to resolution 45/146 on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;

2. Urges States that have not yet done so to proceed as soon as possible to ratify or accede to the Convention, in order to make its provisions more universally effective;

3. Also urges States to establish the necessary legislative and administrative measures so that their internal juridical regulations may be compatible with the spirit and the scope of the Convention;

4. Invites States, to the extent that they are able to do so, to apply provisionally the measures set forth in the Convention, pending its entry into force for each of them;

5. Once again urges all States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971;

2/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 520, No. 7515.

3/ Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

4/ Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

5/ Resolution S-17/2, annex.

6/ A/47/378.

6. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue to provide legal assistance to Member States that request it in adjusting their national laws, policies and infrastructures to implement the international drug control conventions, as well as in training personnel responsible for applying the new laws;

7. Expresses its satisfaction at the programme of regional legal workshops initiated by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to assist States in identifying limitations in their legal capacity to implement the relevant international conventions fully and in developing appropriate measures and arrangements to overcome such limitations;

8. Once again requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources and drawing, in particular, on funds available to the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to promote and support public information activities relating to the Convention;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/101 of 16 December 1991,

Conscious that the adoption of the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action 5/ at its seventeenth special session, devoted to the question of international cooperation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, was an important step in the harmonization of the efforts of all to combat this scourge of mankind,

Reaffirming the purpose of the United Nations to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace,

Convinced that the intensification of international cooperation and concerted action among States is the fundamental basis for confronting the problem of drug abuse and illicit trafficking,

Recognizing that the international fight against illicit trafficking should be pursued in full conformity with the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and the principles of international law,

particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, and non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations,

1. Reaffirms that the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking should continue to be based on strict respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations;

2. Calls upon all States to intensify their actions to promote effective cooperation in the efforts to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking, so as to contribute to a climate conducive to achieving this end, and to refrain from using the issue for political purposes;

3. Reaffirms that the international fight against drug trafficking should not in any way justify violation of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly the right of all peoples freely to determine, without external interference, their political status and to pursue their economic, social and cultural development, and that every State has the duty to respect this right in accordance with the provisions of the Charter;

4. Invites the Secretary-General, in preparing the report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, and the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, to continue to give due consideration to the principles set out in the present resolution;

5. Decides to consider at its forty-eighth session the question of respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking under the item entitled "International drug control".

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Examination of the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned that the illicit production, trafficking and abuse of narcotics and psychotropic substances are increasing every day, and that these illicit activities are claiming a growing number of victims,

Considering that, despite the continued and vigorous fight that is being waged by countries at the local, regional, bilateral and multilateral levels and some encouraging developments, the global situation with respect to drug abuse and illicit trafficking continues to worsen,

Convinced that, given the magnitude and global nature of the drug problem, international cooperation in conformity with the international drug control treaties, the Global Programme of Action adopted by the Assembly on 23 February 1990 at its seventeenth special session, 5/ the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 7/ and other relevant consensus documents is fundamental to confronting this scourge,

Acknowledging that there are obvious links, under certain circumstances, between poverty and the increase in the illicit production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that policies of alternative economic development can make a contribution in addressing this problem,

Acknowledging also the responsibility of Governments in alleviating poverty, reducing the dependency of their citizens on narcotics and narcotics production and enforcing legal measures against narcotics,

Reaffirming its resolutions 45/147 of 18 December 1990 and 46/101 of 16 December 1991 concerning respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, which are indispensable to establishing a basis for international cooperation in the war against drug abuse and illicit trafficking,

Reaffirming also the importance of the role of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as the main focus for concerted international action for drug abuse control,

Reaffirming further the multifaceted nature of the problem and the principle of shared responsibility for drug abuse control contained in the Declaration adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, 8/

Convinced of the necessity of further strengthening international cooperation and redoubling efforts to broaden the areas appropriate for this cooperation, taking into account experience gained and the need to renew commitment and establish goals to guide the decisions aimed at eradicating this scourge,

Calling attention to the growing connection between terrorist groups and drug traffickers,

Bearing in mind the commitment made in the Political Declaration adopted at its seventeenth special session 5/ to keep under constant review the activities contained in the Global Programme of Action,

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7/ See Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. A.

8/ Ibid., sect. B.

1. Decides to hold four plenary meetings, at a high level, at its forty-eighth session, to examine urgently the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances, with a view to:

(a) Evaluating the implementation by Member States of the Global Programme of Action adopted in its resolution S-17/2 of 23 February 1990 and making recommendations on improving cooperation in the field of drug abuse control, taking into account the priority given to this issue by the international community;

(b) Identifying those policies on which there has not been satisfactory progress in order to expand and increase the effectiveness of this cooperation and to establish measurable goals and renew commitments;

(c) Promoting the universal ratification of or accession to the international drug control treaties, particularly the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988; 1/

(d) Encouraging the adoption and implementation of legislative and administrative measures necessary to ensure that national judicial systems are compatible with the spirit and the intent of the treaties and to encourage States that are not yet parties, to the extent they are able, to apply provisionally the provisions of the treaties;

(e) Encouraging the pursuit of trade liberalization measures which will enhance the trading opportunities of all countries affected by the illicit production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

(f) Considering ways to strengthen and enhance international cooperation in programmes of alternative rural development;

(g) Strengthening international cooperation to eradicate the growing and dangerous links between terrorist groups, drug traffickers and their paramilitary gangs, which have resorted to all types of violence, thus endangering the constitutional order of States and violating basic human rights;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to implement the present resolution;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to present, at the next regular session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, an evaluative report containing recommendations on measures to be taken with regard to paragraph 1 of the present resolution;

4. Requests the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, its comments regarding the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its high-level plenary meetings.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances: action by agencies of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/16 of 1 November 1989, 44/141 of 15 December 1989, 45/148 of 18 December 1990, 45/179 of 21 December 1990 and 46/102 of 16 December 1991,

Fully aware that the international community is confronted with the dramatic problem of drug abuse and the illicit cultivation, production, demand, processing, distribution and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that States need to work at the international level as well as individually to deal with this scourge, which has a strong potential to undermine development, economic and political stability and democratic institutions,

Stressing the important role of the United Nations, its relevant bodies and the specialized agencies in supporting concerted action in the fight against drug abuse at the national, regional and international levels,

Recalling that in its resolution 44/141 it requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to coordinate at the inter-agency level the development of a United Nations system-wide action plan on drug abuse control and that on 1 May 1990 the Secretary-General submitted a report 9/ to the Economic and Social Council on the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control as an instrument to facilitate coordination, complementarity and non-duplication in drug control activities within the United Nations system,

Affirming the proposals as laid out in the System-Wide Action Plan, and recognizing that further efforts are needed to implement and update it,

Recalling that in its resolution 44/141 it also requested the Administrative Committee on Coordination to make the necessary adjustments to the System-Wide Action Plan annually and requested that the executive heads of United Nations bodies report annually on the progress made in implementing the Action Plan and that the Administrative Committee on Coordination include the information in its annual report, so as to enable the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Economic and Social Council to consider it, within their respective mandates, and to make appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly,

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9/ E/1990/39 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

Expressing concern that there has been limited progress by the agencies of the United Nations system in incorporating within their programmes and activities action aimed at dealing with drug-related problems in the manner envisioned in the System-Wide Action Plan,

Recalling and emphasizing the continuing importance of the Political Declaration and Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session on 23 February 1990, 5/

Emphasizing the continuing importance and validity of the Declaration 8/ and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 7/ as adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, and the Declaration adopted at the World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat, held in London from 9 to 11 April 1990, 10/

1. Reaffirms the commitment expressed in the Global Programme of Action and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, and calls upon States to take all possible steps to promote and implement, individually and in cooperation with other States, the mandates and recommendations contained in the Global Programme of Action, with a view to translating the Programme into practical action to the widest possible extent at the national, regional and international levels;

2. Calls upon all relevant United Nations agencies, particularly those associated with the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, to establish agency-specific implementation plans to incorporate fully into their programmes all the mandates and activities contained in the System-Wide Action Plan, and to report to the Secretary-General by 1 March 1993 on progress made in establishing such agency-specific plans, for inclusion in an annex to the System-Wide Action Plan;

3. Calls upon the governing bodies of all United Nations agencies associated with the System-Wide Action Plan to facilitate its implementation by designating an agenda item under which the Action Plan may be considered at their next regular meeting;

4. Reaffirms the role of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to coordinate and provide effective leadership for all United Nations drug control activities, in order to ensure coherence of actions within the Programme as well as coordination, complementarity and non-duplication of such activities across the United Nations system;

5. Requests the Administrative Committee on Coordination to give due attention in its work to the coordination of drug control activities and, under the direction of the Executive Director of the United Nations

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10/ A/45/262, annex.

International Drug Control Programme, to update the System-Wide Action Plan for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council at its regular session of 1993 and of the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, keeping in mind the need to revise and update the Action Plan as necessary, including:

(a) Addition of an annex to the System-Wide Action Plan containing agency-specific implementing plans, as noted in paragraph 2 of the present resolution;

(b) A reference to the important role of the international financial institutions, as noted in chapter II of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, and the ability of such institutions to promote economic stability and undermine the drug industry;

6. Further requests the Administrative Committee on Coordination to review and update, as necessary, the System-Wide Action Plan on a biennial basis, taking into account the need to simplify and streamline its presentation;

7. Requests the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and in particular the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, to promote and continuously monitor the implementation of the Global Programme of Action, with special attention to the System-Wide Action Plan;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on activities undertaken by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and Governments relating to the implementation of the Global Programme of Action.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/104 of 16 December 1991, by which it requested that the restructuring process of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme be completed as soon as possible so that the Programme could fulfil its mandate with enhanced effectiveness and efficiency,

Recalling also the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action adopted on 23 February 1990 at its seventeenth special session, 5/

Emphasizing that the problem of drug abuse and illicit trafficking has to be considered within the broader economic and social context,

Reaffirming the importance of the role of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as the main focus for concerted international action for drug abuse control,

Underlining the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control issues, and endorsing paragraph 1 (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/38 of 21 June 1991,

Recognizing that international cooperation against illicit trafficking should be pursued in full conformity with the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law,

Noting that in the consideration of the programme budget proposals submitted by the Secretary-General for the biennium 1992-1993 11/ full account should be taken of the measures proposed pursuant to resolution 45/179 of 21 December 1990 and Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 13 (XXXV), adopted at its thirty-fifth session, 12/

Commending the United Nations International Drug Control Programme for the activities undertaken so far in the performance of the functions entrusted to it,

Considering the need for an evaluation of the problems, achievements and challenges related to drug control programmes, with a view to strengthening international cooperation,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken to implement resolution 46/104, 13/ and welcomes the drug control efforts of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to date;

2. Reaffirms Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/38, which calls on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to give policy guidance to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and to monitor its activities;

3. Urges the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to give special emphasis to the implementation of those issues from the Global Programme of Action identified as priorities by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in its resolution 2 (XXXIV), adopted at its thirty-fourth session; 14/

11/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1).

12/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 5 (E/1992/25), chap. XI.

13/ See A/47/471.

14/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 4 (E/1991/24), chap. XIV, sect. A.

4. Stresses the importance of the smooth functioning of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme for the achievement of the best possible results in the implementation of its mandate;

5. Calls upon the Secretary-General to take, as a matter of urgency, all necessary measures to complete the organizational and administrative structure of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

6. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in accordance with the authority delegated to him by the Secretary-General, to coordinate and provide effective leadership for all United Nations drug control activities in order to ensure coherence of actions within the Programme as well as coordination, complementarity and non-duplication of such activities across the United Nations system, and in this context actively to seek cooperation and support for a global approach from other international organizations, non-governmental organizations, bilateral programmes and national institutions;

7. Strongly urges all Governments to provide the fullest possible financial and political support to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in particular by increasing the voluntary contributions to the Programme, with a view to expanding and strengthening its operational activities and technical cooperation, in particular with developing countries;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on measures taken to implement the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking

The General Assembly,

Gravely concerned that the illicit demand for, production of and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances continue to threaten seriously the socio-economic and political systems and the stability, national security and sovereignty of an increasing number of States,

Reaffirming the principle of shared responsibility of the international community in combating drug abuse and illicit trafficking,

Reaffirming also that the Declaration 8/ and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 7/ adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session 5/ and the Declaration adopted by the World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to

Combat the Cocaine Threat, held in London from 9 to 11 April 1990, 10/ together with the international drug control treaties, provide a comprehensive framework for international cooperation in drug control,

Recognizing the efforts of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to implement its mandates within this comprehensive framework,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to improve the effectiveness of the regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and the Subcommission on Illicit Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East in addressing specific drug law enforcement problems of the various regions, particularly those that are vulnerable to illicit transit traffic on account, inter alia, of their geographical location,

Emphasizing the need for an analysis of transit routes used by drug traffickers, which are constantly changing and expanding to include a growing number of countries and regions in all parts of the world,

Alarmed by the growing connection between drug trafficking and terrorism in various parts of the world,

Recognizing the efforts of countries that produce narcotic drugs for scientific, medicinal and therapeutic uses to prevent the channelling of such substances to illicit markets and to maintain production at a level consistent with licit demand,

Reiterating its condemnation of criminal activities that involve children in the use, production and illicit distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and emphasizing the need for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and other competent agencies to give high priority to measures designed to address this problem,

Noting the increasing number of States acceding to or ratifying the international drug control treaties, including those that have become States parties to the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, 1/

Reaffirming that all efforts to combat problems related to the consumption, production, manufacture and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the flow of money related to these activities should be accompanied by effective measures to promote the economic and social development of affected States,

Recalling its resolution 46/103 of 16 December 1991, in which it reiterated its invitation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to consider, at its thirty-fifth session, the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Expert Group to Study the Economic and Social Consequences of Illicit Trafficking in

Drugs, 15/ together with the comments of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, with a view to recommending appropriate follow-up activity,

Noting also the action taken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on this issue, including its decision to study the issue again at its thirty-seventh session,

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1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General; 16/

2. Reiterates its condemnation of the crime of drug trafficking in all its forms, and urges continued and effective international action to combat it, in keeping with the principle of shared responsibility and with full respect for national sovereignty, territorial integrity and the cultural identity of States;

3. Welcomes the initiatives of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to implement its mandates within the framework of the international drug control treaties, the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 7/ the Global Programme of Action 5/ and relevant consensus documents;

4. Supports the focus on national and regional strategies for drug abuse control, particularly the master-plan approach, and urges that the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to keep in mind that these should be complemented with effective interregional strategies;

5. Notes with appreciation the activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to promote and monitor the United Nations Decade against Drug Abuse, 1991-2000, under the theme "A global response to a global challenge", including the successful launching by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme of the goodwill ambassadors initiative, and invites Governments to cooperate with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in further developing this initiative;

6. Takes note of the recommendation that Governments should establish national focal points or coordinating mechanisms for the Decade;

7. Recommends that Governments cooperate fully with the Coordinator for the Decade to enhance and facilitate the report of the Commission on Narcotic

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15/ A/C.3/45/8, annex.

16/ A/47/378 and A/47/471.

Drugs to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on progress made in attaining the objectives of the Decade;

8. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in cooperation with relevant agencies, including the United Nations Children's Fund, to study the involvement of children in drug-related criminal activities and the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances by children, with a view to recommending measures that may be taken to address this problem;

9. Welcomes the trend towards ratification and implementation of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, 2/ that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, 3/ the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 4/ and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988; 1/

10. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to include in its report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the implementation of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking of 1988 a section on experience gained to date in implementing the Convention, which should contain recommendations and strategies for its further implementation;

11. Recommends that the United Nations International Drug Control Programme invite the cooperation of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in its activities to counter drug-related criminality, including money-laundering, to ensure complementarity of their efforts and to avoid duplication;

12. Encourages all countries to take action to prevent the illicit arms trade by which weapons are provided to drug traffickers;

13. Expresses its satisfaction with the efforts of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to improve the functioning and impact of the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and with its decision that the heads of national drug law enforcement agencies of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Subcommission on Illicit Trafficking and related Matters in the Near and Middle East should continue to meet annually;

14. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in its report on illicit traffic in drugs to analyse world-wide trends in illicit traffic and transit in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including methods and routes used, and to recommend ways and means for improving the capacity of States along those routes to deal with all aspects of the drug problem;

15. Emphasizes the connection between the illicit production and supply of, demand for, sale of and traffic and transit in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the economic, social and cultural conditions of the countries affected and that solutions to these problems must take into account the differences and diversity of the problem in each country;

16. Calls upon the international community to provide increased international economic and technical cooperation to Governments, at their request, in support of programmes for the substitution of illicit crops by means of integrated rural development and alternative development programmes that respect fully the jurisdiction and sovereignty of countries and the cultural traditions of peoples;

17. Takes note of the initiative of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to study the concept of swapping debt for alternative development in the area of international drug abuse control and the decision of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to consider this matter at its thirty-sixth session on the basis of the report of the Executive Director;

18. Encourages Governments to nominate experts for the roster to be maintained by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, to ensure that the Programme may draw from the widest pool of expertise and experience in implementing its policies and programmes;

19. Stresses the need for effective action to prevent the diversion for illicit purposes of precursors and other chemicals, materials and equipment frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

20. Commends the International Narcotics Control Board for its valuable work in monitoring production and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances so as to limit their use to medical and scientific purposes, and for the effective manner in which it has implemented its additional responsibilities under article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances concerning the control of precursors and essential chemicals;

21. Takes note of the conclusions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-fifth session on the economic and social consequences of illicit trafficking; 17/

22. Expresses its satisfaction with efforts being made by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and other United Nations bodies to obtain reliable data on drug abuse and illicit trafficking, including the development of the International Drug Abuse Assessment System, the project to determine possible improvements to the international system for the collection of data on illicit traffic and money-laundering, as well as the programme of technical cooperation with developing countries in collaboration with the Financial Action Task Force, and requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-sixth session on the progress being made in these areas;

17/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 5 (E/1992/25), chap. VI.

23. Notes with satisfaction that the United Nations Social Defence Research Institute will complete its world-wide research study on the economic and social consequences of drug abuse and illicit trafficking in 1993;

24. Recommends to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs that, when it studies the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the economic and social consequences of drug abuse and illicit trafficking at its thirty-seventh session, it consider including this issue as an item on its agenda;

25. Appeals to States and the international donor community to increase voluntary contributions to the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to enable it further to expand its programmes;

II

Implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 18/ concerning the implementation of the Global Programme of Action;

2. Reaffirms its commitment to implementing the mandates contained in the Global Programme of Action and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control; 7/

3. Notes with satisfaction the framework established by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to monitor implementation of the Global Programme of Action;

4. Calls upon States to take all possible steps to promote and implement individually and in cooperation with other States the mandates and recommendations contained in the Global Programme of Action, with a view to translating the Programme into practical action to the widest possible extent at the national, regional and international levels;

5. Calls upon the United Nations and its relevant bodies, the specialized agencies, other relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to extend their cooperation and assistance to States in the promotion and implementation of the Global Programme of Action;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of sections I and II of the present resolution under the item entitled "International drug control".

18/ A/47/471.